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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 11, 2006 to February 11, 2007. Since February 11, 2007 falls on a Sunday, it is believed that the due date carries over to the next business day, Monday, February 12, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

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